

# Road Crew Finds Skeleton of Glacial Man in Otter Tail County

Finding of the skeleton of a glacial age man in an extinct lake bed in Otter Tail county during highway building operations has been reported by Dr. A. E. Jenks, of the University of Minnesota.

The individual, whose skeleton was found, was of the Pleistocene, or glacial period, and has been dubbed the "Minnesota man."

The skeleton, most of which has been recovered, apparently is that of a youth under 20 years of age, who must have been "of an American ancestral type," Dr. Jenks, head of the department of anthropology at the school, pointed out in a report to the journal "Science."

## Antler Dagger Found

With the skeleton was found a crude dagger of antler and a large pendant of shell, both of which had been pierced with a hole for carrying by a leash. The skull bore a marked degree of protruding jaw and structure, while the nose had primitive, almost ape-like characteristics, the nasal aperture described as having "distinctly simian sill and borders."

The find was made by highway workers 12 feet under silt which had been deposited in the ancient lake as it flowed from a nearby glacier. The lake, Dr. Jenks believes, antedated most of the famous glacial lake Agassiz, which covered much of the interior of North America. It may possibly have existed during the early stages of Lake Agassiz while that body was only 120 miles long and 40 or 50 miles wide.

## Lake Settled Seasonably

"The lake had been filled with silt in the form of rock-flour washed out from beneath the near-by glacier," Dr. Jenks wrote. "The fine silt had settled seasonally in thin even layers."

Dr. Jenks was accompanied by three other university scientists when the skeleton was removed from its ancient resting place. They were Dr. C. R. Stauffer and Dr. G. A. Thiel, geologists, and F. K. Butters, botanist. Gratitude is expressed in the report for the thoughtfulness of the highway department in notifying the university of the find.

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